IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: BEIRNE et al.

Application No.: 09/682,787

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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND

STORAGE MEDIUM FOR PRE-SCREENING CUSTOMERS FOR CREDIT CARD APPROVAL AT A

POINT OF SALE

Confirmation No. 5435

Group Art Unit: 3691

Examiner: Thu Thao Havan

AMENDMENT and RESPONSE to July

5, 2007 Non-Final Office Action

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.